UNSTARRED QUESTIONS.

Malaria Epidemics.

22. **Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state the nature and the extent of the relief, remedial and control measures that are being adopted by the Departments of Medical and Public Health in regard to malaria epidemic in the Neyyattinkara taluk?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: The following measures are adopted:—

(*a*) The treatment of patients in the following institutions of the Medical Department:—

District Dispensary, Perunkadavila
District Hospital, Neyyattinkara,
Malaria Dispensary, Kunnathukal,
Do. Chemboor,
Do. Kallikad,
Do. Kattakada,
Do. Vilappil,
Do. Malayinkil,
Grant-in-aid Dispensary, Kanyakuzhi,
Do. Alathoor.

(*b*) Distribution of quinine to school-children through the headmasters and to the general population through the Public Health Department.

(*c*) Mosquito control by means of:—

Paris greening and oiling, spraying pyrocide 20 and kerosine, shading and sluicing of streams, breeding of larvivorous fish, and minor works such as canalising, sub-soiling, clearance of marginal vegetation, etc.

Census of domestic animals.

23. **Mr. E. K. Kuriype** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha cum Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether any instructions have been issued from Government for taking a cattle census of domestic animals;

(*b*) whether separate officers have been appointed for this purpose; if so, the number of officers so appointed; and

(*c*) the period within which this census work has to be completed?

Mr. M. K. Nilakanta Aiyar: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes. 66 accountants were sanctioned for a period of 15 days.

(*c*) The work commenced on 21-1-40 and closed on 31-1-40.

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